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S I R:

Applicants and their counsel have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated October 19, 2005, but believe the claims in their original form are patentable over the reference relied upon by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following arguments in support of patentability is therefore respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The subject matter disclosed and claimed in the present application concerns a magnetic resonance apparatus having a patient bed that is movable into and out of an examination space of a magnetic resonance scanner, and a gradient coil unit that is also movable into and out of the examination space, and a coupling unit that couples the gradient coil to the patient bed mechanism for moving the gradient coil unit relative to the examination space with the patient bed mechanism. The coupling unit automatically firmly joins the gradient coil unit to the gradient bed mechanism when the patient bed mechanism moves toward and contact the gradient coil unit in a movement direction, and releases the gradient coil unit from the patient bed